Authorities Puzzled Pending Enactment of Volunteer Army Law.

CANNOT BE SENT OUT OF COUNTRY

Department Flooded Meanwhile with Applications for Commissions.

Washington, April 21.-The military authorities are confronted with a state of the House passed Representative Hoy's that it go to conference for the adjustment of the differences between the two

mean time nothing has been the administration toward the mendment of the existing militia law, although a draft of a new bill was agreed upon six months ago by the War Department and the national guard authori-The Secretary of War was notified by leaders in Congress that there would e no support of any measure pertaining to the organized militia which involved an increase of pay of personnel, and the oposed bill involved an increase of \$15,000,000 in militia appropriations.

Under existing law, and probably under law which Congress would enact, the militla cannot be used in Mexico if it shall so develop, as most army officers believe it will, as to require intervention and the occupation of Mexican territory by United States troops

### Militia Must Stay at Home.

Under an opinion of the Attorney General, the organized militia, as such, can- be used in the Mexican situation in any not be employed outside the territory of the United States. It will take an amendment to the Constitution to permit such relegation of the militia to a place sub imployment of these troops. It is, thereore, a problem to determine by what with opposition from the state troops. neasures and to what extent the organized militia, trained and equipped at fedmovement into Mexico.

Some of the military authorities believe will be necessary to convert the militia nto volunteers, but the volunteer army not yet been signed, and it romises to be another of the eleventhour makeshifts to which the government as resorted in time of war. The lesson of 1898 was forgotten by Congress, and this administration has not followed up is closely as it should have done the House bill, which was comfortably shelved in the Senate Military Committee r was on the Senate calendar without



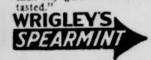
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sufficient influence behind it to bring before that body.

and it surely will be required if there is to be a first field army of 100,000 men there is bound to be confusion in organizing the troops into proper commands and in commissioning the officers who must he selected and individually appointed whether or not the militia is converted

### 10,000 Officers Required

It is estimated that for an army of 250, 000 men there will be required 10,000 offbe at least 175 regiments of fifty officers each for the line. Under existing conditions the militia may not be regarded as volunteers and employed outside the United States. As militia they may not place other than along the Texas border. It is surmised by army officers that this ordinate to the volunteers will not meet

A provision of the volunteer army act, which has been subjected to criticism in the form in which it passed the Senate, relates to the term of enlistment for volunteers, who are required to serve in the regular army a period of four years unless the war is sooner terminated. Some of the military experts believe that the enlistment should be for the period of hostillties in order that should the volunteers | the State of New York which will have be required for a longer time than four years there would not be required such wholesale re-enlistment as would prevail eral Butt said: under the Senate provision

regular army. Everything is in readiness

### The Volunteer Difficulty.

would be a comparatively simple matter and if the state finally had 10,000 officer to handle. Much apprehension, however, and men of the 16,000 now in the guard is entertained by War Department officials concerning the raising of volunteers and the difficulties and doubts attending the employment of the militia. There are already evidences of this confusion in the

In another respect considerable anxiety has been expressed regarding the deficiency in the force of army hospital corps men. When the tactical divisions of the army take the field it will be found they have not more than one-fourth of the sanitary units required for the medical service and called for by the field service thing like 15,000 new men being examined headquarters of which is in New York. and mustered in regulations. In fact, the first division, the possesses not a single sanitary unit.

placing in the hands of the President the now. What is true of New York is true responsibility for providing a hospital of other states, and the fallacy of supcorps of the requisite strength and the posing that we have 120,000 national Send for our Booklet, "Perfect Cold surgeon general of the army has repeated- guardsmen ready to march into Mexico ly urged that precautionary measures be at the drop of the hat can readily be

### WARSHIPS THRONG WATERS OF MEXICO

### They Represent Foreign Powers in Various Ports on Both Coasts.

[From The Tribune Bureau.] Washington, April 21.-Following is a ist of foreign warships now in Mexican

At Vera Cruz: The French cruiser Descartes, 2.956 tons, 278 men. 325 feet in ength, 21.3 feet draft; four 6.4-inch guns, ten 3.9-inch guns, main battery; built 1894.

draft, fourteen 6-inch guns, main battery; built 1962. Spanish cruiser Carlos V, 9,900 tons, 690 men, 403 feet length, 28 feet draft; two 11inch guns, eight 6.5-inch guns, four 4.1-

English armored cruiser Essex, 9.800 ons, 655 men, 440 feet length, 24.5 feet

inch guns, main battery; built 1896. At Tampico: The English cruiser Hermione, 4.360 tons, 318 men, 820 feet length, 19 feet draft, two 6-inch guns, eight 4.7inch guns, main battery; built 1893.

At Puerto Mexico: The British cruiser Lancaster, 9,806 tons, 655 men, 440 feet length, 24.5 feet draft, fourteen 6-inch guns, main battery; built 1902,

At Ensenada (west coast): The British gunboat Algerine, 1,050 tons, 106 men, 185 feet length, 11.2 feet draft, six 4-inch guns, main battery; built 1895. At Manzanillo (west coast): The Jap-

anese armored cruiser Idzumo, 9,750 tons, 483 men, 434 feet length, 24.2 feet draft, four 8-inch guns, fourteen 6-inch guns, riain battery; built 1898.

At Guaymas (west coast): The French armored cruiser Montcalm, 9,517 tons, 540 men, 460 feet in length, 24 feet draft, seven 6-inch guns, six 4-inch guns, main battery; built 1910.

At Mazatlan (west coast): The German cruiser Nurnberg, 3,450 tons, 296 men, 260 feet in length, ten 4.1-inch guns, main battery, 1715 feet draft; built 1907.

At Acapulco (west coast): The British stoop-of-war Shearwater, 986 tons, 139 men, 180 feet length, 11.2 feet draft; four i-inch guns, main battery; built 1900.

## STATE CONSTITUTION **HOLDS 10,000 MEN**

Law Bars Entire National Guard from War, Says Brig. Gen. Butt.

DOUBTS ESTIMATES OF FORCE AVAILABLE

Believes Militia Not in Perfect Condition for War-Tribune Article Praised.

United States, commended the article in The Tribune yesterday concerning the general conditions of the national guard published. He also pointed out an important paragraph in the constitution of the event of a call for war service. Gen-

It is simply amazing the amount of No orders have been issued at the War rubbish that appears about the national Department relating to troops of the guard by those absolutely ignorant of its in the form of telegrams to be sent when of the national guard of New York, for it shall be decided that a movement of example, on paper is some 15,000 officers troops is necessary in forming the first and men, but can these 16,000 be relied on field army. All the details relating to to march to the war on twenty-four troops, officers and supplies have been hours' notice, as some persons have statput in proper form and are retained at ed, or even at a later date? There would be many patriotic and capable officer: and men respond, but not 16,000.

"There would be necessarily many eliminations for physical and other reasons. sworn into the United States service it

would be lucky. "Of course, there would be no scarcity of volunteers, and the vacancies in the takes time, however, to examine the men; then they must be equipped and drilled a lot more time-several months, in fact. "It is true, the entire guard can be mobilized in about twenty-four hours, but this is far from being ready for war. As the various commands must be filled up to war strength, this would mean some-

"The supplies of arms, etc., for the additional men would have to be sent by This fault is in the War Department, as the War Department, as well as some Congress long ago gave authority for equipment lacking for those in the guard

> "However, by far the most important element is rifle practice, which would require time. The national guard as a whole is very poorly instructed as to this. the most essential part of soldiering, and New York is not an exception.

"Just who is responsible for the statedoubt as to this, but the man who says range

in the field ready for war in ten hours belongs in a lunatic asylum Another point with all this talk about

ordering the entire 16,000 men to Mexico at twenty-four hours' notice or less has been lost sight of and that is Article XI. Paragraph 3 of the constitution of the State of New York, which says: "The militla shall be organized and divided into such land and naval, and

active and reserve forces, as the Legislature may deem proper; provided, however, that there shall be maintained at all times a force of not less than 10,000 enlisted men, fully uniformed, armed, equipped, disciplined and ready for active service." Now this law means that the entire

national guard of the state should not, under the constitution of the state, be there is a properly drilled and equipped big battleships men to take its Wyoming. place before it marches for the front. "There is no such organized reserve

at present, although there are some officers enrolled in what are know as depot This clause in the constitution of the state is one that will bear very careful consideration While no orders have been issued to

any troops of New York to get ready for service. Major General John F. O'Ryan, commanding the guard, it is known, has been in consultation with heads of departments regarding a variety of equipment the troops are short of. some of which can only be obtained from

the War Department.
Organizations will not be selected by seniority of commanders, as has been stated, but if troops are ordered into the field, the most efficient organizations will receive the first consideration.

## AEROPLANE TESTED FOR REBEL CHIEFS

Carranza's Representative Accepts It After Flight at Hempstead Field.

For the purpose of demonstrating a new aeroplane to a representative of the rebel army of Mexico, and incidentally to try rank and file could soon be filled. It for the American altitude record, Charles F. Niles, who made sensational flights Saturday, went out to the field at Hempin concentration camps, and this takes stead Plains yesterday afternoon. He failed in the attempt to break the record, but gave a satisfactory test of the machine, and it was delivered at once to W. A. Staats, as the official representative of Carranza.

Niles made a flight of fifty-five minutes and ascended 11,000 feet. The contract with the rebel forces called for an altitude of 8,000 feet.

After Niles's flight, Kantnor, chief pilot of the Moisant Aviation Company, builders of the machine, took Staats to a height of 1,000 feet. At the finish Staats said that the aeroplane was satisfactory and formally received it on behalf of General Carranza. It will be shipped today by way of Juarez.

Staats, who is in constant communication with the army, received a dispatch vesterday which said that the rebels under no conditions would unite with Huerta against the United States, and that Carranza and Villa believed this country to be their friend. Staats said ment that New York can put 25.000 that the rebel chiefs welcomed any move men in the field at ten hours that would remove Huerta from power, notice, I do not know. A baseball field may have been meant and there is no no dissension between Villa and Car-

## ATTRACT HUNDREDS

WAR PREPARATIONS

Brooklyn Navy Vard Thronged by Visitors Out to See Big Battleships.

yard yesterday to watch preparations for went through drills which amazed the

permitted to leave it for war unless of men and women clambered around the

The rush equipment orders for the New York were filled yesterday, and many without interruption. It will be a month before the Wyoming can be recommis-

to Captain Howard that four marines had been killed and twenty-one wounded in the atack on Vera Cruz gave 150 marines something to think about. They have been ordered to leave on Thursday for Vera Cruz.

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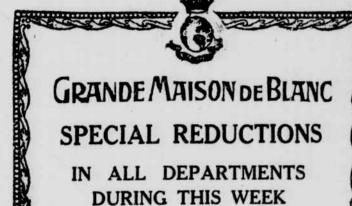
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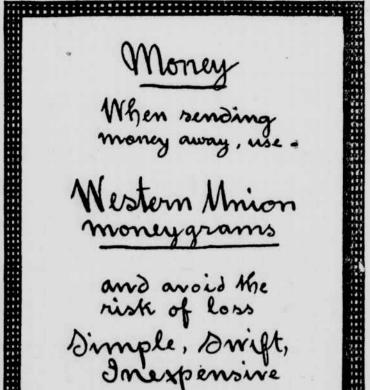
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